

# St. Benedict Parish for the Deaf

## Sunday, February 19, 2023

**Dear Friends:** What would our world be like if everyone lived out the teachings that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel? It would be a world where people work out their differences peacefully. Where husbands and wives are always faithful to one another. Where no one tells a lie or engages in dishonest deals. Such a world might seem impossible, but this is the world that God has always intended for his people. It's the kingdom that Jesus announced was "at hand" at the beginning of his ministry (Matthew 3:2). It's the kingdom that he ushered in by his death and resurrection. If it seems hidden in some ways, that's because it's still under construction! We won't experience it fully until Jesus comes again. But that doesn't mean we can't at least begin to experience God's kingdom today. In fact, God is calling us to *build* the kingdom. How? We can begin by taking Jesus' Sermon on the Mount as a blueprint for our lives. He calls us to pray and not worry about our daily needs. To care for the poor. To forgive as God has forgiven us. To love our enemies. To turn the other cheek. When we do these things, we make God's kingdom visible. Because Jesus' teachings can be challenging, we might try to make excuses for ourselves or think that only the saints can obey them. But the more we try to live out Jesus' words, the more his Spirit fills our efforts with his divine grace—and the more we come to realize that it doesn't depend only on us, but also on God's power within us. Today at Mass, ask the Lord how you might bring God's kingdom to the places where you live and work. Rely on his teachings to guide you and the Spirit to empower you. Above all, stay alert, because opportunities to build the kingdom of God will surely come your way! **"Jesus, may your kingdom come through me and all your people!"** © The Word Among ++++++



St. Benedict Sunday Mass  
**February 12, 2023 Collection**  
 Currency: \$ 33.25  
 Envelopes: \$ 115.00  
**TOTAL: \$ 148.25**  
 Thank you very much for supporting with your gifts

**Sunday Mass Readers**  
 All are welcome to volunteer  
**February 19**  
 Vanessa Baxter  
**February 22**  
 Clarebyll Mabanta  
**February 26**  
 Nancy McCormick  
**March 05**  
 Markensy Jacques  
**March 12**  
 Aaron Cruz  
**March 19**  
 Michael Callejas

**Healing Retreat**  
*for Adult Children of Divorce*

**MARCH 17-19, 2023**  
 Vallombrosa Retreat Center  
 250 Oak Grove Ave, Menlo Park, CA

Weekend retreat will include Holy Mass, opportunities for Confession and Adoration.

For more information / registration visit:  
[www.acdsf.info](http://www.acdsf.info)  
 or contact Ed Hopfner: HopfnerE@SFArch.org



**CALENDAR 2022**  
**Sunday, February 19**  
 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Mass at 10:30AM  
**Presider: Father Ghislain**

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**Sunday, February 22**  
 Ash Wednesday  
 Mass at 7:00PM  
**Presider: Father Ghislain**

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**Sunday, February 26**  
 1st Sunday of Lent  
 Mass at 10:30AM  
**Presider: Father Ghislain**

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**Sunday, March 05**  
 2nd Sunday of Lent  
 Mass at 10:30AM  
**Presider: Father Ghislain**

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**Sunday, March 12**  
 3rd Sunday of Lent  
 Mass at 10:30AM  
**Presider: Father Ghislain**

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**Sunday, March 19**  
 4th Sunday of Lent  
 Mass at 10:30AM  
**Presider: Father Ghislain**

# MASS INTENTIONS

## DECEASED

Gerry Riippa  
Joyce Carolan  
Victor Lampe  
Mako Rova  
Mariya Yasumura  
Elizabeth Heurtin  
Bill Mortensen  
Shanon Quinn Manini  
Francine Inami  
Atsuko Jurenes  
Marie Conroy—Salbi  
Barry Coen  
Sugako Berne  
Sumi Honami  
Jeanette Affolter  
James Travonich  
Donald Baer  
Maria Cristina Purdy  
Joseph Byrne  
Betty Blue  
Elizabeth Mallorca  
Rena Riippa  
Carmen A Molina  
Norman K Wong  
Dick Carlen Sr.  
Jean RNC Cowan  
Brigid Byrne  
Patricia Cavagnaro  
Frankie Zaldivar, Sr

## LIVING

Aldo Didero  
Jennie Lee Jordan  
Henry K Wong  
Nancy K Wong  
Frank Wong  
Neal Fancroft  
Donald Glickman  
Lucille McNulty  
Maureen McBride  
Wilda Kelleher  
Maria Garcia  
Reena Angeli Alejar  
Jose Ordonez  
Jane Lampe  
Palmgra Morrell  
Micaela Pablo  
Aida Seballos  
Donovan Mulligan  
Edward Passos, Jr.  
Winnie Cuevas  
Isabella Harris  
Robert & Diana Zunino  
Jose Ruiz  
Modesta Orque  
Wilda Kelleher  
Maffy Gaya  
Sprouse Family  
Frankie Zaldivar, Jr  
Ernesto Ortega



**St. Benedict  
Parish at St.  
Francis Xavier  
Church**  
1801 Octavia  
Street  
San Francisco,  
CA 94109  
A Roman Catholic  
Ministry to the  
Deaf, Hard of Hear-  
ing and Japanese  
Communities and  
people of God in San  
Francisco, San  
Mateo and Marin  
Counties.

“Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of age.” Matthew 28:20

**Mass in American Sign Language at St. Benedict Parish at St. Francis Xavier Church.**

Sunday at 10:30AM

**Holy Days of Obligation**

January 1: Mass at 10:30AM

August 15: Mass at 7:00PM

November 1: Mass at 7:00PM

December 25: Mass at 10:30AM

**Sacrament of Baptism**

One or two baptism classes are required. Contact the Pastor at least two months for appointment.

**Religious Education & Youth Ministry**

Ages 4 to High School on

**Sundays at Saint Benedict** after the Liturgy of the Word

**RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

By arrangement with the Pastoral Team for those who may be interested in becoming followers of Jesus Christ in the Roman Catholic Church. Programs are available for those who wish to be baptized, to receive First Holy Communion, to be confirmed and to learn more about the faith of the Roman Catholic Church.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Reconciliation service during Advent and Lent. Appointment with the Pastor every **First Saturday** of the month at 3:00PM whenever needed.

**Sacrament of Marriage**

Contact the Pastor at least 6 months in advance to make arrangements (Archdiocesan regulations).

**Sacrament of Anointing the Sick**

**Please contact the Pastor immediately whenever needed.**



## PARISH STAFF

**Fr. Paul Zirimenya, Pastor**  
Fr. Ghislain Bazikila, *Parochial Vicar*  
Mary Ann Schmitz, *Office Manager*

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[TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS]**

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Also, dial 711 For Relay Service or Sorenson Video Relay Service.

**PARISH MINISTRY & PROGRAMS**

Religious Education, Youth Ministry and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

**Parish Council Meetings:  
Fourth Sundays of the month  
by Announcement**

**St. Benedict Program**  
Food Baskets are usually given out on **Palm Sunday** and Sunday before Thanksgiving.

**Please remember  
St. Benedict Parish in  
your WILL and BEQUESTS**

**PROTECTING GOD'S  
CHILDREN**

If you believe you are a victim of sexual abuse. Please call our SF Archdiocesan Clergy

Abuse Hotline:

**415-614-5506**

**RR Code: 2487**